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Helen Batherson, former "Girl Friday" for Julius Klein, adds a touch of laughter with her testimony in the Dodd hearing yesterday.

Sets Testimony By 4 Others to Back Him Up

Panel Also Hears
Former Assistants
To Senator, Klein

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Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., today formally opens his defense before the Senate Ethics Committee.

He seeks to disprove charges that he misused his public office by making a 1964 trip to West Germany to assist a registered foreign business agent.

Five witnesses — including Dodd himself — will testify for the defense, John F. Sonnett, the senator's principal attorney, said yesterday.

Sonnett declined to identify the other witnesses but said some were from out of town. Dodd, scheduled to appear last, will testify today only if examination of the others is completed in time.

If not, the hearings into misconduct charges against Dodd probably will continue next week.

Says Aide Warned Dodd

The committee was told yesterday that a Dodd aide "warned the senator many times about the relationship" between himself and Julius Klein, a Chicago public relations man who is registered as a foreign agent for West German business interests.

Miss Terry Golden, a former secretary in Dodd's office, said David Martin, one of the senator's assistants, told Dodd his friendship with Klein "would cause a lot of trouble (but) the senator just refused to listen and he just expressed great concern."

Miss Golden said the warning was recounted to her by Martin just before or shortly after Dodd made the trip to Germany in April, 1964.

Documents introduced during the first two days of committee hearings indicated that Klein requested Dodd to go to Germany to bolster Klein's image and help him retain several public relations clients.

Klein's letters showed that he believed he was in danger of losing the accounts because of unfavorable publicity which stemmed from a 1963 Senate Foreign Relations Committee investigation of his activities.

Dodd has said he made the trip on official Senate Internal Security Subcommittee business to interview a Soviet spy who defected to West Berlin.

Before Mrs. Carpenter was

asked if she had been present at the hearing, she said, "I was not there."

JUN 24 1966 CIA RMP 49 R000200000013e5marital status and her relationship with Boyd.

After bringing out that Mrs. Carpenter was divorced in 1963, Sonnett asked her: "Are you and Mr. Boyd planning to marry?"

"What was the question?" asked Stennis.

After Sonnett repeated it, Stennis said "I think that is a rather personal question." Mrs. Carpenter did not answer it.

But earlier Sonnett had asked her if, since 1963, she had had "a social relationship with Mr. Boyd."

"Yes, sir," she murmured. "And he is important to you?"

"Yes, sir," she said. Sonnett told newsmen that Boyd, father of four children, obtained a divorce in April of this year.

The lawyer asked Mrs. Carpenter if it were correct that she was discharged by Dodd on Dec. 7, 1964.

"Yes, sir."

"And you were angry because of being discharged?"

"Yes, I think anybody would be who was discharged and given no reason."

"That's all," said Sonnett.

Testimony from Mrs. Carpenter about office "speculation" over \$10,000 Dodd "must have" received from Klein for making the West German trip left the committee in confusion at the close of its morning session yesterday.

Dodd Interrupts

As a result of the remark, Dodd clashed with committee members, accused the committee's counsel of being "unfair," and asked the Justice Department to prosecute Mrs. Carpenter for perjury.

The incident occurred while Mrs. Carpenter was telling of a conversation, held just after Dodd returned from Europe, between David Martin, still employed by Dodd, and Gerard Zeiller, a former Dodd aide now working for Sen. Norris Cotton, R-N.H. It included:

Martin: "I wonder how much Klein paid Dodd to do that?"

Zeiller: "Oh, I have known Klein for a long time. I knew him when I worked for Sen. Bridges." (An apparent reference to the late Sen. Styles Bridges, R-N.H.)

Martin: "He must have paid \$10,000."

Zeiller: "Oh, easily. At least that."

Asks Repetition

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Untrue, Dodd Says

Dodd later went before television cameras in the hallway to say that Mrs. Carpenter's statement was "absolutely untrue."

Martin told newsmen "no such conversation ever took place" and Zeiller said Mrs. Carpenter's testimony was an "absolute falsehood." They repeated this later under oath.

Dodd, in his first committee speech, said he would ask the Justice Department "to proceed with a perjury charge" and within an hour the senator's office released copies of a letter to Atty. Gen. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach.

" . . . I request that immediate steps be taken to present the matter to a grand jury for the return of an indictment for perjury," Dodd's letter said.

Boyd, in testimony earlier in the day, charged that Dodd was guilty of "misappropriation of hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign funds."

He said that when Dodd's financial statement for the 1964 election was released in December of that year, as required by Connecticut law, he found the totals "very erroneous and very disappointing."

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